

## **HOW TO BECOME LICENSED AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST IN MISSISSIPPI**

In order to practice as a marriage and family therapist (MFT) in the State of Mississippi or to refer to oneself as a LMFT, an individual must be licensed by the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.

There are two MFT licensing levels in Mississippi: LMFTA and LMFT

- ❖ LMFTA license authorizes a master's level MFT to practice under the supervision of a licensed MFT supervisor
- ❖ LMFT license authorizes a master's level MFT to practice independently without supervision

Three (3) pathways for MFT licensure

- ❖ Examination (1a & 1b)
- ❖ Endorsement (2)
- ❖ Universal Recognition Endorsement (3)

- 1a. If you are a recent graduate of an accredited COAMFTE program and have passed the AMFTRB exam, you can apply for the LMFTA by Examination.
- 1b. If you are a recent graduate of an accredited COAMFTE program, have passed the AMFTRB exam, and completed two years of supervision with a board approved MFT supervisor, you can apply for the LMFT.
2. If you are currently licensed in another state, have practiced independently in that state for at least one (1) year, have taken the AMFTRB exam and hold a Masters or Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy, you may apply by Endorsement.
3. If you are currently licensed in another state, have moved to Mississippi but do not meet all the necessary requirements for licensure in Mississippi, you may qualify under the Universal Recognition by Endorsement.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER RESOURCES REGARDING WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE APPLICATION ROUTE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR.**